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Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel claim 11 without prejudice.

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and/or listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (Currently amended): A device for holding pipes comprising two complementary parts, intended for assembly, each having in its assembly face at least one recess of a semicylindrical overall shape, wherein the corresponding recesses of the two complementary parts form a shape that roughly corresponds to the exterior cross section of a pipe to be held between the two complementary parts upon assembly, wherein each of the two complementary parts comprises a body in which are disposed the at least one recess, wherein the body comprises an at least partially having at least one recess and is made of a rigid material, wherein the radius of at least one of the recess-recesses exceeds the exterior radius of the pipe to be held, wherein at least one of the recess-recesses is lined with an intermediate half-shell made of elastic material, and wherein the intermediate half-shell is lined with an inner half-shell made of a rigid material, wherein the interior radius of the inner half-shell corresponds roughly to the exterior radius of the pipe, wherein the intermediate half-shell and the inner half-shell are secured to one another and to the body.
- 2. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the intermediate half-shell made of an elastic material is moulded in a gap between the recess of the body and the rigid inner half-shell.

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- (Currently amended): The device of claim 2, wherein the body and the rigid inner halfshell comprises a molded are made by moulding in thermoplastic, and wherein the intermediate half-shell comprises an overmolded is formed by overmoulding with an elastomer.
- 4. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the device is configured for attachment to a support structure.
- 5. (Original) The device of claim 4, further comprising a cradle-forming part, intended to bear against the support structure, wherein the cradle-forming part comprises a premounting system comprising at least one clip-fastening element intended to correspond with at least one hole formed in the support structure prior to final securing of the two complementary parts.
- 6. (Original) The device of claim 5, wherein the clip-fastening element comprises a clip-fastening head positioned in a housing of the body of the cradle-forming part, wherein the clip-fastening element is able to move in terms of translation between a rest position in which the clip-fastening head is set back in the housing and an active position in which the clip-fastening head protrudes beyond the bearing face of the cradle-forming part.
- 7. (Original) The device of claim 6, wherein the clip-fastening element comprises an elastically deformable intermediate positioning portion positioned between the clip-fastening head located at one end and a guide heel located at the opposite end, wherein the housing comprises a passage positioned between two widened end portions, wherein one end portion houses the clip-fastening head and the other end portion houses the heel guide, and wherein the passage comprises a reduced-width intermediate stop portion acting as a double stop for the head and for the positioning portion in the rest position and

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as a double stop for the heel and for the positioning portion in the active position once the positioning portion has passed through the stop portion through elastic deformation of the positioning portion.

- 8. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the device is configured to hold several pipes without attachment to a support structure.
- 9. (Original) The device of claim 8, wherein the rigid inner half-shell of at least one of the two complementary parts comprises a passage hole through which a bulge of the material of the elastic intermediate half-shell projects to prevent the device from moving relative to one of the pipes upon assembly of the two complementary parts around the pipes.